

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1671

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Loughlin's Restaurant

### 2. Location

street & number 2129-2131 Old Edgewood Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Edgewood

☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland

county Harford

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ella Loughlin, et al.

street & number 2131 Old Edgewood Road

telephone no.: 410-679-0050

city, town Edgewood

state and zip code Maryland 21040-3354

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liber 2147

street & number 40 South Main Street

folio 289

city, town Bel Air

state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

## 8. Significance

Survey No. HA-1671

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The restaurant is located on a portion of the 5 acre 50 perch parcel that Sallie A. , Edward H. and Emma Tydings sold to Julius Hein in 1908 for \$1,490 (Harford County Deed Book 125:19, May 30, 1908). After Julius Hein's death, his heirs sold the property to Alice F. Slesinski and Eugene J. Loughlin for one dollar and other good and valuable considerations (Harford County Deed Book 520:311, ). Eugene Loughlin died in May 1987. In 1994, Ella E. Loughlin sold the property to Michael J. Loughlin and Kathryn E. Evering for no consideration, retaining a life estate interest in the parcel (Harford County Deed Book 2147:289, May 27, 1994).

Due to massive alterations over time, the exterior of the building is totally devoid of its historic architectural character. It lacks the integrity necessary for National Register eligibility.

# Continuation Sheet

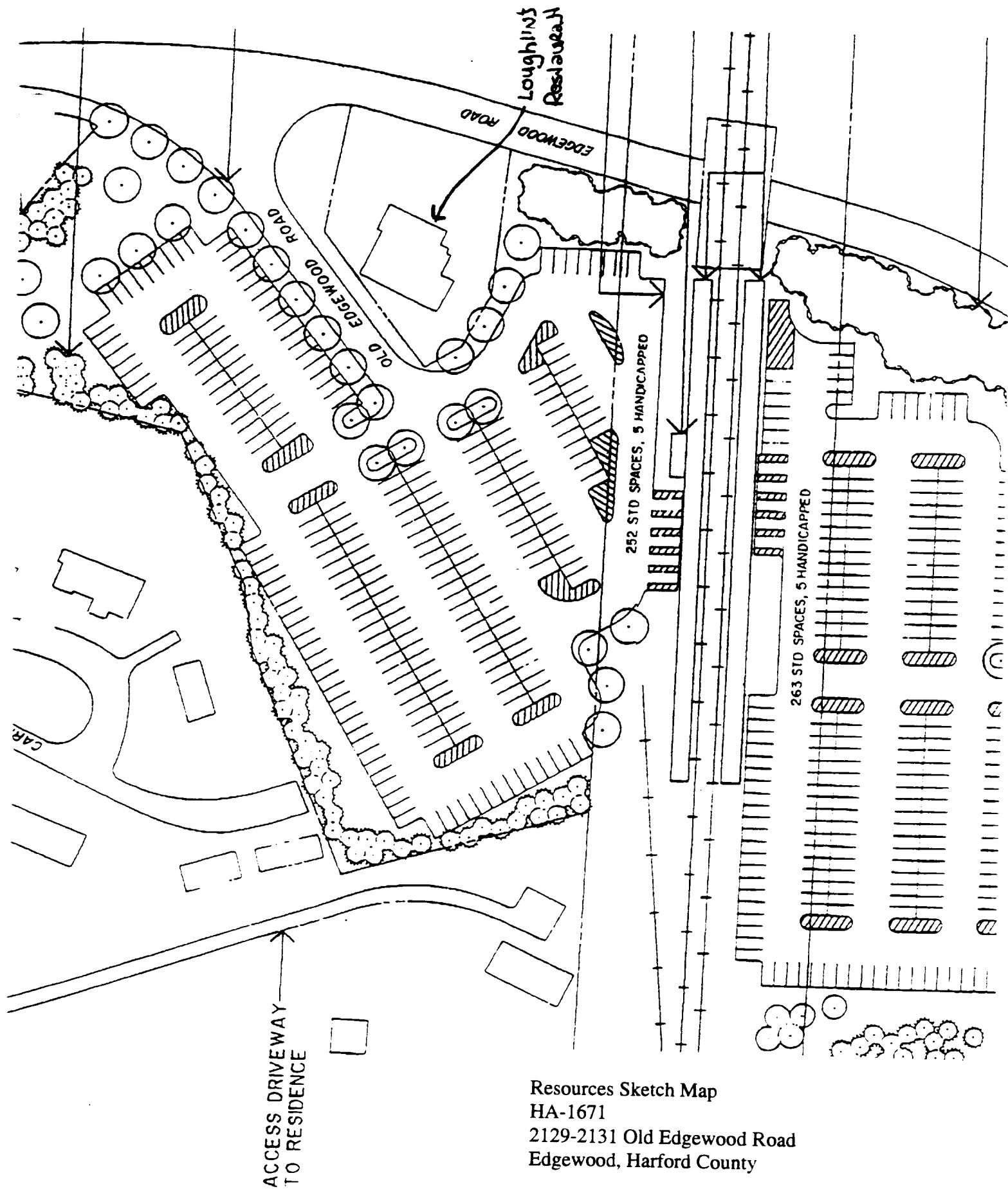
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Name Loughlin's Restaurant

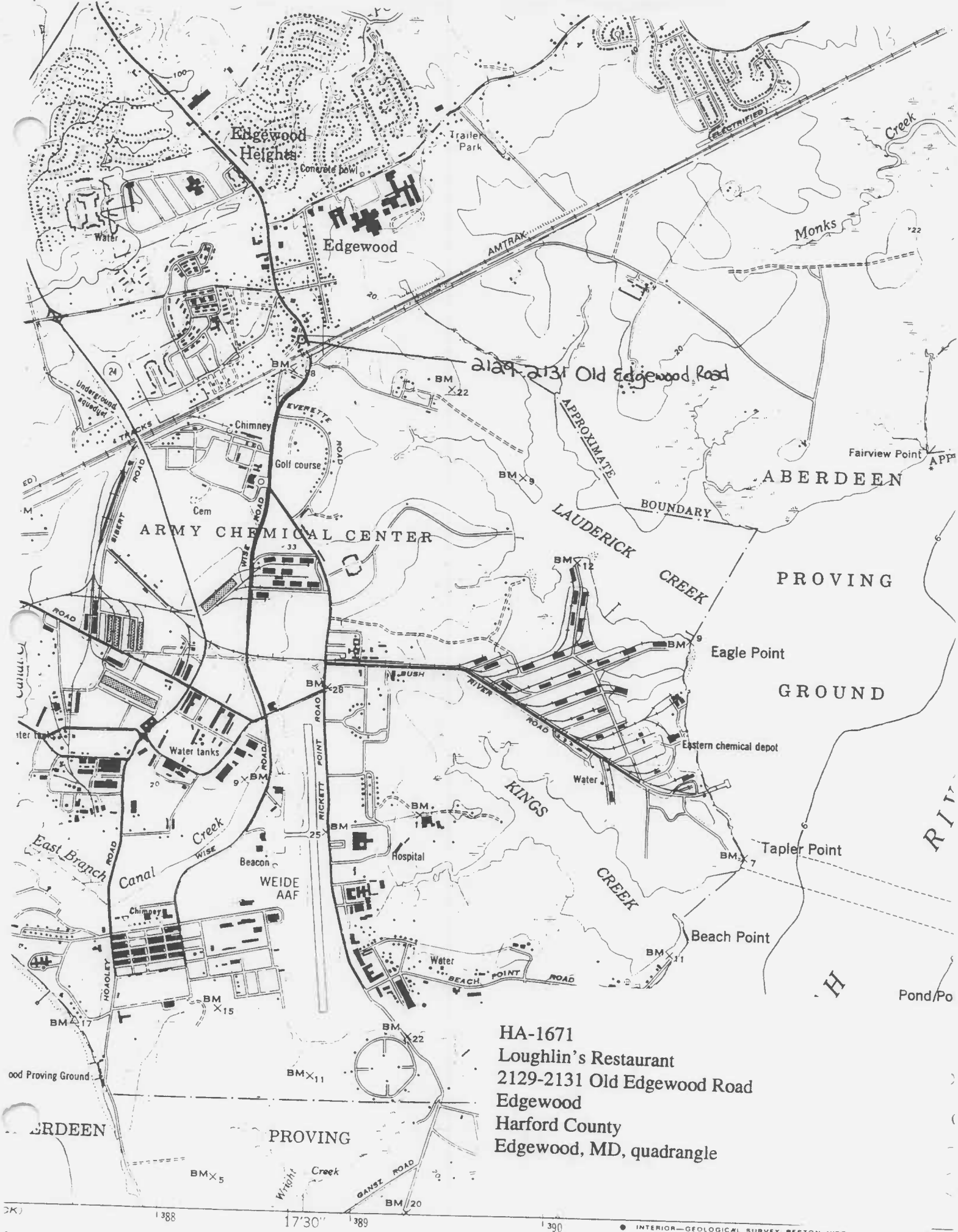
County Harford

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The structure was built in the first quarter of the twentieth century as a restaurant and hotel. It continued to operate in the former capacity. While the exterior is totally devoid of any original architectural details, the interior may retained pressed metal ceiling and wall covering. The interior was not examined when the property was resurveyed in August 1996.



Resources Sketch Map  
HA-1671  
2129-2131 Old Edgewood Road  
Edgewood, Harford County



HA-1671  
Loughlin's Restaurant  
2129-2131 Old Edgewood Road  
Edgewood  
Harford County  
Edgewood, MD, quadrangle

HA-1671

Loughlin's Restaurant  
Edgewood, Maryland

Capsule-Summary

This structure was built in the first quarter of the twentieth century as a restaurant and hotel. It continues to operate in the former capacity. While the exterior is devoid of any original architectural details, the interior still contains a great deal of stamped metal ceiling and wall covering.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Loughlin's Restaurant

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2109--2131 Old Edgewood Road

CITY, TOWN

Edgewood

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☒ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Eugene Loughlin

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2131 Old Edgewood Road

CITY, TOWN

Edgewood

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21040

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 848

Folio #: 472

STREET &amp; NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Del Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

HA-1671

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This two story frame structure is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Edgewood Road (LD 755) and Old Edgewood Road (also called Railroad Avenue). The structure faces northwest and is two stories high with a flat roof and concrete and concrete block foundation. The building measures 50' 8" across the northwest and 48' 5" across the northeast. Windows are 1/1 and there is an overhanging cornice. The entire exterior has been covered with aluminum siding, and absolutely no architectural details from the original period are visible. To the southeast (rear) is a modern store-room addition.

The first floor interior includes a dining room, bar and kitchen area and a staircase to the second floor. In the northwest corner is a separately housed barbershop business, which measures 10' X 12'. This area was once a taxi business. All of the first floor retains its original decorative metal ceilings, and certain areas still have their stamped cornice and wall decoration, above a wooden plank wainscot. (see floorplan) The second floor used to be the hotel section, and was accessible from the outside through an exterior door, or through the dining room. This area was not examined in June 1961.

The Loughlin family has been running this business since it opened about 1916, according to Kay Evering, a daughter of Mr. Loughlin.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Edgewood is located in an area of Harford County that has become developed to the point of overdevelopment. Located between the busy Route 40 corridor and the AMTRAK (old Pennsylvania RR) lines, and immediately north of the gate to the Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood has witnessed the conversion of its surrounding farmland to residential units, and the replacement of its small shops and stores by franchised operations. Loughlin's Restaurant is a survivor from the traditions of the late 19th and early 20th centuries when local businesses were in the hands of local people.

The 1878 Martenet map of Harford County shows a hotel near the present site of Loughlins, only south of the railroad tracks. While the present structure is twentieth century, it is easy to see a continuation of a tradition of serving to railroad passengers, and after 1917, to U.S. Army servicemen. The railroad is what helped create Edgewood as a service center village since it allowed the surrounding farmers to ship out their products, and it meant too that this was a vital supply-link to the outside. Of course, when the automobile replaced the train as a primary means of travel and trucks captured the shipping business, places like Edgewood that were tied to the railroads faced the inevitable decline. This decline is visible in Edgewood--most of its dwelling have become rental properties or have been converted to other uses (shops and taverns). It isn't a primary service center anymore either, since most needed items can be procured at locations along the Route 40 corridor. Loughlins is able to survive because it caters to a local clientele as well as the through traffic from the Edgewood Arsenal. While its heyday is clearly past, it continues to serve to its customers much the same way it catered to railroad passengers and farmers 50 years ago.

NOTE--no title search done for this site.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Phillip Lord Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

836-0000 x 235

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

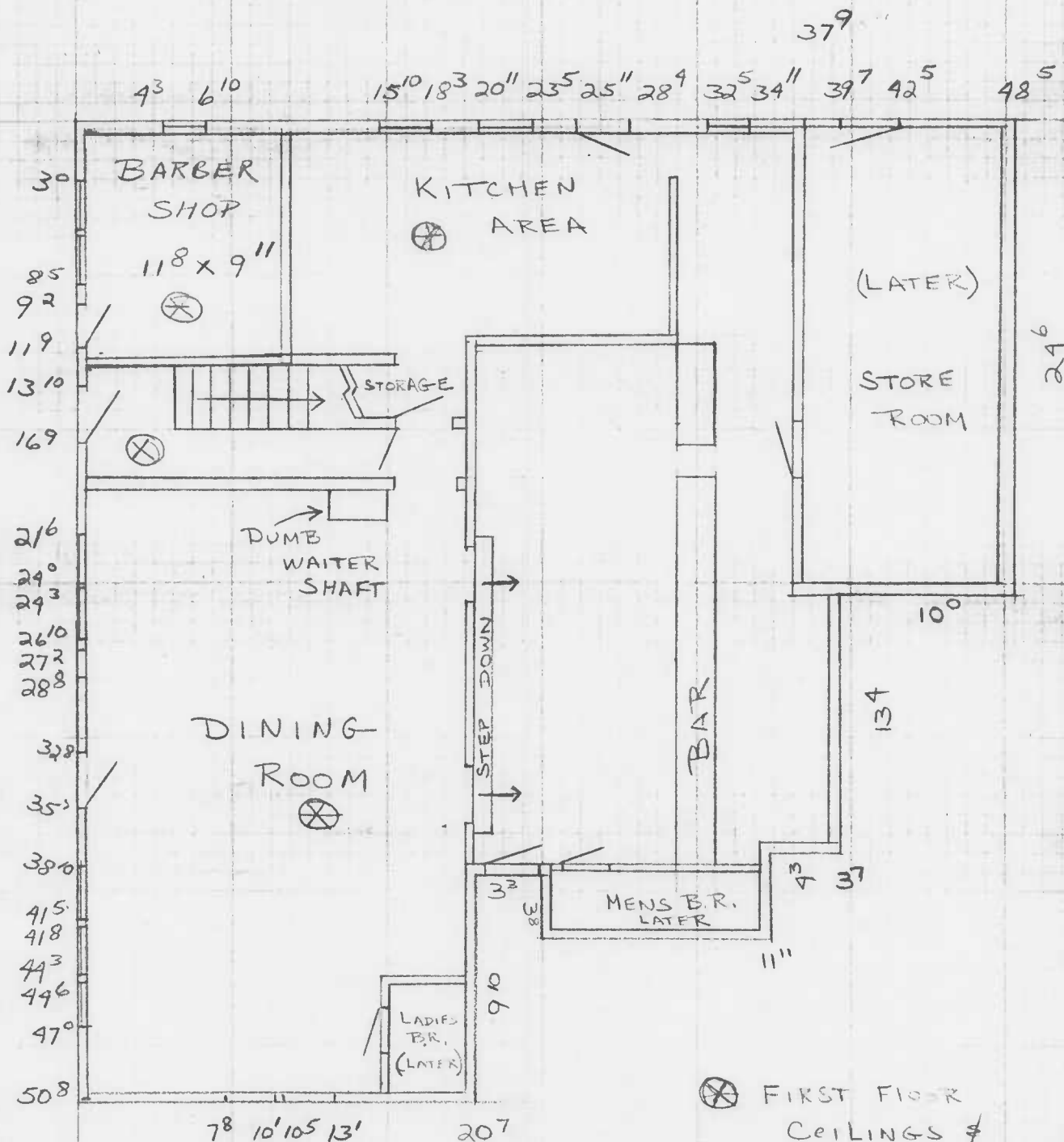
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

BY P. LORD DATE 6/81  
CHKD. BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT HA- 1671  
LOUGHLIN RESTAURANT  
EDGEWOOD, MD.

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_  
JOB NO. \_\_\_\_\_



SECOND FLOOR -  
HAS SLEEPING  
ROOMS OFF A  
CENTRAL HALL



HA-1671



FIA-1671

Loughlins Restaurant  
NW Elevation

6-81









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Local Restaurant

Available on request

Longer time

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1000000

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